

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday November 28th 2004

Packet

A new experimental packet DXCluster Node (EI7SDX-3 DDX) and NETROM Node (EI7SDX-5 SWDUDX) has been established in the Dublin mountains at Piperstown at the QTH of EI7HT. User access is on 144.950 MHz. The Piperstown nodes are expected to provide 2m radio coverage in west County Dublin and the Midlands and will complement the 2m coverage provided in central and eastern Ireland by EI7KRC-2 (Kells) on 144.825 MHz, EI7SDX (Shankill) on 144.875 MHz and EI7WDX (Bray) on 144.925 MHz. Tom EI7HT and Dave EI3IO would appreciate reception reports of the Piperstown 2m signals to E-mail shandx@connogue.com.

EI7SDX (Shankill) and EI7WDX (Bray) also provide 1200 Baud user access to the Irish and global packet network on 29.25 MHz, 432.650 MHz and 433.675 MHz. Internet access is also available using the addresses telnet://ei7sdx.ath.cx:7300 or telnet://ei7wdx.ath.cx:7300 for the DXCluster and telnet://ei7sdx.ath.cx:7400 or telnet://ei7wdx.ath.cx:7400 for NETROM access.

To give Internet access a try, just place any of the above Internet addresses in your favourite web browser and access should be instantaneous. However for NETROM Internet access you will also need a password from the Sysop. APRS packets are also broadcast in South County Dublin and Wicklow on the 10m, 2m and 70cm frequencies and relevant APRS traffic is gated to and from the Internet. More details at shandx.ath.cx or wdx.ath.cx.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The Annual General Meeting of Tipperary Amateur Radio Group was held last Wednesday night in Raheen House Clonmel.

John EI2JB, called the meeting to order and the first order of business was a minutes silence in memory of Ron Mcgrath EI6GO.

The new committee elected is as follows; Chairman is John Ronan - EI7IG, Vice Chairman is Eamonn Kavanagh - EI3FFB and Secretary, John Burke - EI2JB. Tommy Hallinan - EI2IT is Treasurer and P.R.O. is Paul Norris - EI3ENB.

A very frank and open discussion ensued covering all aspects of club activity.

Plans are underway to try and organise a Christmas Dinner hopefully with a date early in December. Please keep a check on www.ei7trg.org and S18 after the news on Sunday nights for more up to date information.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society

Please note that Dundalk Amateur Radio Society now transmits the IRTS radio news via the Dundalk Repeater on 145.675 MHz.

EI3RCW

Martin Hayes EI9FMB and John Ronan EI7IG got the Amateur Radio Station in Waterford Institute of Technology back on the air.

EI3RCW is now QRV on HF, VHF (2 metres) and UHF (70 centimetres). The group have sought permission for a network connection in order to allow operation of a Packet Radio to Internet Gateway and an APRS Digipeater plus Internet Gateway. The former will allow for a continuous feed of packet bulletins to be forwarded to John EI3DIB for distribution on his BBS, and the latter will allow any local APRS packets to be relayed locally and gatewayed out to the internet.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The last committee meeting for 2004 will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday the 1st of December in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

Contests

The ARRL 160 metre contest will take place on the first weekend in December and the ARRL 10 metre contest will be held on the following weekend, December 11th and 12th.

DX News

HE3RSI is QRV until the 3rd of December from 40 to 10 metres using the facilities of the former Swiss Radio International broadcast station. This includes a 62 metre high curtain antenna array. The station is being operated by members of the HB9MM radio club station from Lausanne. This is the first time that the HE3 prefix is being used.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark EI7IS. News should be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Fridays.

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